

19 April 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : SA/DCI/IA
SUBJECT : NSC Meeting on Law of the Sea

1. An NSC meeting is tentatively scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at 3:00. It is not clear yet why the meeting is tentative.

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2. In discussions with [] and my counterpart at State, it appears that a high-level decision is necessary to resolve differences over the U.S. negotiating posture at the Law of the Sea Conference. A SIG meeting was held on 5 April in an attempt to create some flexibility in our negotiating position. Our delegation had run into a brick wall in its efforts to carry out the President's negotiating objectives as stated in NSDD-20 signed in late January. My contact at State informs me that there is a considerable difference of opinion as to what was agreed at that SIG meeting.

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3. [] is pulling together the latest we have on the status of negotiations and on what is likely to be the focus of tomorrow's meeting. We will get that package to you tonight. Meanwhile, I have attached a memo for the record on the 5 April SIG meeting, a copy of NSDD 20, and a copy of our NIE.

You never have.

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Attachments:
As stated